

REMARKS

The present response is submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 16, 2007. Claims 58, 59, 63-74, 76-78, 80-88 and 101-108 are currently pending in the application. The applicant would like to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 62 and 91 are allowable if the claims are rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Claims 58 and 80 have been amended to recite the allowable subject matter of claims 62 and 91 and any intervening claims, respectively. Since the Examiner indicated that the cited prior art fails to teach HFS implementation, independent claims 58 and 80 and claims 59, 63-74, 76-78 and 81-88 which respectively depend therefrom are patentable over Hensley et al. and Maurer III et al., taken alone or in combination.

In addition, the Applicants added new claims 101-108. Claim 101 and claim 105 are directed to a method and system, respectively, for replacing a first sub-hierarchy of an NTFS hierarchical file system (NTFS HFS) with a second sub-hierarchy. Claims 101 and 105 also incorporate the subject matter of allowable claims 62 and 91 and the intervening claims, respectively. Accordingly, for at least the reasons stated above with respect to claims 58 and 80, independent claims 101 and 105 and claims 102-104 and 106-108 which depend therefrom are also patentable over Hensley et al. and Maurer III et al., taken alone or in combination.

No new matter or issues are believed to have been introduced by this amendment. In view of the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that none of the references of record, considered individually or in combination, in whole or in part, disclose or suggest the present invention as claimed. Therefore, all Claims now pending in this application are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone or personal interview may facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, he is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' undersigned agent at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully Submitted,



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